Dear Pranksters Community,

We have decided that it's important for us to respond to what is happening in the world right now. Being silent or apolitical in this moment is an act of privilege and is antithetical to who we are as a community, and we owe it to our black community members and those outside of our community to take a stand. We unequivocally stand with the Black Lives Matter movement and the brave demonstrators across the country. We will stand with the community until and after there is justice for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all of those who have suffered and been taken from us by police terror. We want to be explicit that the way things are will not change unless real work is done to uplift black communities, the police state is dismantled, and all forms of systemic and institutionalized racism are destroyed. In this time we have found strength from this Angela Davis quote: "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change, I am changing the things I cannot accept."

We have continued to take steps to expose our current biases, and address the barriers within our team that BIPOC face. Firstly, this means not only recognizing the history of Ultimate, one that has perpetuated whiteness and wealth at the center of the sport, but acknowledging how the college we represent is a product of institutionalized racism and white supremacy. This also means listening. Next, we must identify and implement action steps towards uplifting and supporting the underrepresented voices in our community and making our team more accessible to those who have historically been excluded from our community. We also hope to move past the sport of ultimate and our insular community and advocate for real change in the world, but understand that this will be continuous hard, yet necessary, work.

In this spirit, we hope that you will join us in our fundraising initiative for movements supporting black lives and fighting racial injustice. Affirming our values of not only confronting issues, but taking action to make real change. **We are raising $6000 for the following organizations:**

NAACP Legal Defense Fund - Fights for racial justice and structural change through legal action
Black lives Matter of Greater Burlington - Local extension of the Black Lives Matter Movement
Marsha P. Johnson Institute - Organization dedicated to fighting for Black Trans People
Ultimate Impact - Organization that provides ultimate programming to youth in underrepresented communities

Donate by venmoing **Pranksters for Black Lives Matter (@swansteve)** or donating via Paypal: **Pranksters for Black Lives Matter (https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8pNih1fX36)**. Please share this with your friends and family and spread the word! Challenge friends to match your donation, get others to donate, and take a stand!

We hope that you will join us!

No justice, No Peace.
Black Lives Matter.

-Pranksters